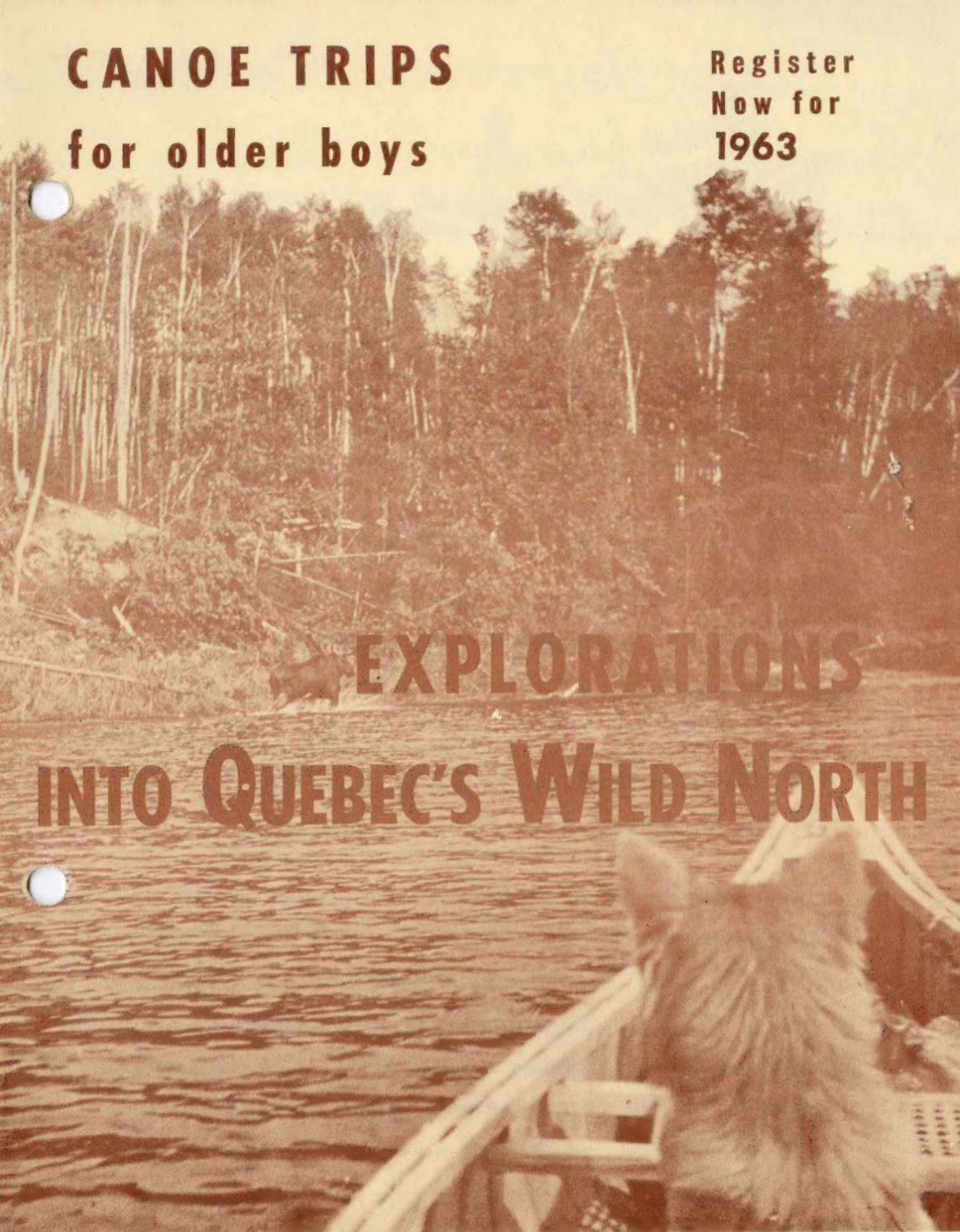


**CANOE TRIPS**  
**for older boys**

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**INTO QUEBEC'S WILD NORTH**



**Plan to Join For Summer '63**

**Les Voyageurs de LaVérendrye**



## A CHALLENGING EXPERIENCE FOR SENIOR BOYS STANDING AT THE THRESHOLD TO MANHOOD WHERE LEADERSHIP IS MAN TO MAN

### TOP CALIBRE LEADERS PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE STEPPING-STONES TO MANHOOD

Canoeing with the Voyageurs is a true test of a boy's mettle. It calls upon his manliness, his physical prowess and his self reliance. It provides all the ruggedness and challenge that nature, in all her varying moods can offer.

In this setting a group of five older boys quickly learn that leadership is strictly "man to man". Tripping leaders are skillful voyageurs in the wilderness of Quebec. They are also mature college men chosen for their good character, YMCA experience and their understanding of problems boys face at the threshold to manhood.

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# PLANNING FOR VOYAGEURS '63

## TEN VOYAGEURS TRIPS ARE PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER OF 1963

Leaders are now being engaged. A permanent training Base Camp has been established on Lac Landron to encourage Les Voyageurs to acquire a feeling of self-determination and complete freedom from any formal camp program setting.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Voyageurs '63 is planned for boys, 14-17, who have preferably had some camping and tripping experience. Minimum swimming ability is 150 yards for every Voyageur, coupled with a general requirement of good physical health.

### VOYAGE DATES AND FEES

Trips will be organized in two periods:

July 2nd to July 30th  
five groups of five boys - 4 weeks - \$185.00

July 26th to August 23rd  
five groups of five boys - 3 weeks - \$150.00

### EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Food, packs, tents, and gear are all provided by the YMCA. Transport by bus to and from the Base Camp is additional. Lists of recommended personal clothing and effects will be provided.

### REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 50 BOYS

Early inquiries are recommended since the "Company of Voyageurs" for 1963 will be limited to 50 boys. Application may be made to any Branch of the YMCA in Montreal or the Camping Office - 1441 Drummond Street, Phone: VI. 4-0131 - Ext. 39

# DESIGNING A SENIOR CAMPING EXPERIENCE FOR TEEN-AGE BOYS

Three hundred miles north of Montreal is La Verendrye Park. Within several thousand square miles of virgin bush and lakes, some occasional Indian encampments, Hudson's Bay Posts, lumber camps, and Fire Rangers are the only signs of civilization. This was the land of New France . . . The domain of Radisson, the home of the Algonquins, and the once busy territory of the French beaver-trapping voyageurs. Into this vast unspoiled country went 38 boys on a land of wilderness adventure that would inspire the imagination of any teenage boy.

The YMCA has been concerned about the needs of the older boy in camping. By the time a lad has had five or six years of organized camp program, he feels he has "had the course" and is looking for a more challenging experience. What kind of summer adventure could YMCA offer to answer the needs of a teenage boy . . . a boy who stands shorn of childish pursuits yet unprepared and unaccepted in the adult world? It had to be a kind of experience that would challenge him physically and intellectually; that would appeal to his boyish imagination; that would stimulate him to recognize and accept the responsibilities of growing into manhood.

In 1959 the Metropolitan Boys Camp Committee of the Montreal YMCA set up four three-week, and four four-week canoe-trip "voyageurs" adventures into the Quebec northlands. The project involved 38 boys, 14-17 years old. Each "voyageurs" group is comprised of five boys and a senior YMCA leader.

## NO ORDINARY CAMP-OUT TRIP

Leadership is the first concern. This is no ordinary camp-out trip . . . the voyageurs leaders have to have a great variety of skills. Most important, they have camping skills and experience that guarantees their ability to live for three weeks in the Quebec wilderness with no access to city life. But there is another kind of leadership that is important . . . the kind of mature man who can recognize and fulfill the needs of a growing teenage boy.



Five fellows living together for three weeks,  
in a challenging and exciting adventure.....  
the company of Voyageurs cover some 200 miles  
of wild lakes, rivers, rapids, and portages,  
rediscover the trails of Radisson and the beaver-trapping  
voyageurs of the old Northwest Company of the 1680's.

## TRAINING AT THE BASE CAMP

A sleep-out "Base-Camp" is established as a training camp where the Voyageurs spend several days getting acquainted with each other and brushing up on their camping skills. This orientation program includes the use of canoe equipment, bedding down, and cooking.

Canvas canoes built for fast and rough waters, and light enough for frequent portaging later become the pride of each group. At Base Camp the neophyte Voyageurs study proper care for and repair of torn canvas and cracked ribbings. There are lessons in map reading with government topographical maps . . . there is no one to ask direction of in La Verendrye Park!

Camping is a real experience when the equipment is sensible and comfortable. The Base Camp training is valuable in many ways. Packing procedures are rehearsed for food packs and gear since everything for the venture has to be carried. Tents are pitched with squaw poles cut on the site, sodcloths are dug in, and nylon screen flaps closed. Then a shot of insecticide and everyone is safe from pests of the night and the worst that nature's violent moods can provide.

## INTO THE LAND OF HISTORY

From their northern station, the Voyageurs set out on separate routes, planned and mapped by themselves. Covering miles of wild lakes, rivers, rapids, and portages. Five fellows living together for three weeks in a challenging and inviting adventure! no switches for lights, no turn of the dial for cooking.

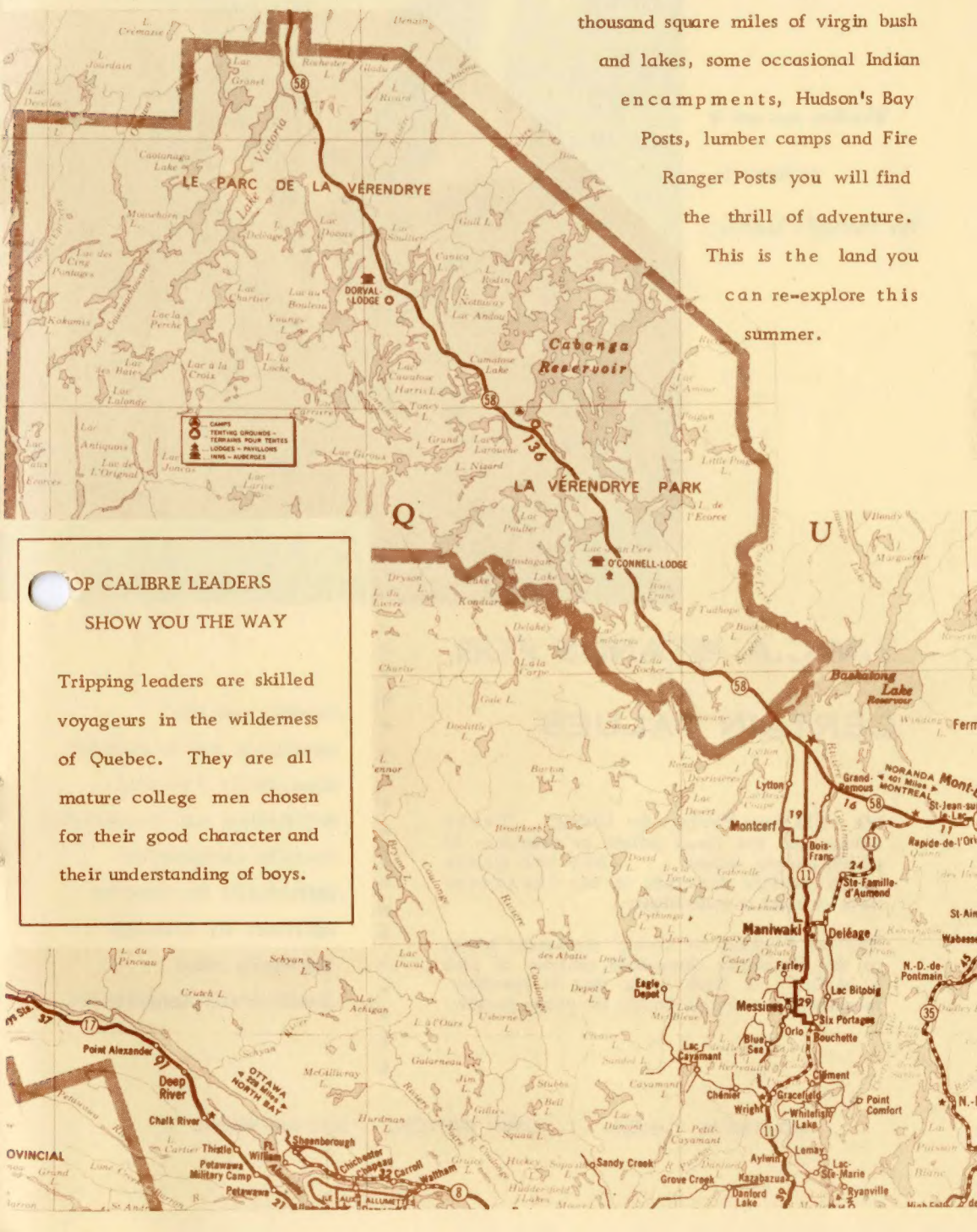
### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Senior YMCA officials are always aware of the location of each group and Voyageur Leaders are able to call for assistance quickly in the event of an emergency. Canadian International Paper Company bush telephones or Fire Rangers communications are available throughout the territory.

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